Mrs. Johnson's Captivity. An Historical Event of Much Interest.

The CALEDONIAN notes with pleasure the review and comment of several of our leading daily papers, of the republication of one of Vermont's very rarest little books, entitled the "Narrative of the Captivity of Mrs. Johnson," published at Windsor, Vt., 1814. This little historical gem has now been reproduced entirely by H. R. Huntting & Co., Springfield, Mass. In addition to the reproduction is the introduction covering several pages, written by Horace W. Bailey of Newbury. This introduction brings out several incidents and historical events never before published in Vermont, making the introduction itself no mean page of history.

This Indian raid was upon Charlestown, N. H., (No. 4) in August 1754, in which, among others, Capt. Johnson, wife and three children, were taken prisoners. The route of the Indians returning to Canada was through Vermont to the head waters of Lake Champlain. The second night out, while in what is now the town of Reading, Vt., Mrs. Johnson gave birth to a daughter. Mrs. Johnson's account of this event with those incident to the march and three years as prisoner in Canada are indeed thrilling, and with such a story put before the public, there is but little place for fiction. Mrs. Johnson many years afterward located the place where her daughter was born, and marked the spot with suitable stones and inscriptions. These stones are now standing in the town of Reading, Vt., having braved the storms of more than a hundred years. Mr. Bailey's introduction deals with the settlement of the Connecticut river valley leading up to the event of 1754. He also gives something of a history of the stones marking the birthplace, also of the daughter (Elizabeth Captive Johnson,) born in captivity, relating that among her direct descendants was the late Frederick Billings of Woodstock. A daughter became the wife of Col. Timothy Bedel, one of the prominent pioneers of Haverhill, N. H. Mrs. Johnson lived for a time in Concord, Vt., but for the most part her home after her return from captivity was at Charlestown, N. H., where she died in 1810. The book

and appendices. The reproducer and introducer have done an excellent work for lovers of local history. This is Mr. Bailey's introduction to the

"The upper Connecticut valley and the state of Vermont were never the permanent abiding place of an Indian tribe. Indian families often found the rich unwooded interval lands in the valley convenient and comfortable squatting places for a season or two at a time, and of such times the soil was cultivated. at such times the soil was cultivated, chiefly for the growing of corn." In her old age, 50 years after her

captivity, full particulars of which are given in her narrative by foot notes, Mrs. Johnson located the spot where her daughter was born, and as she states, cal story before the people. caused two stones to be erected, one on the spot where the Indians encamped, the other "half a mile up the brook where the daughter was born." These stones are now standing after marking a full century of time and are reproduced in the Huntting edition by the courtesy of the Tuttle company of Rutland, publishers of Conant's Vermont. Instead of marking two separate places at half miles apart, as was the plan and purpose of Mrs. Johnson, the stones have, since the recollection of the oldest inhabitants of Reading and Cavendish, stood side by side. Mr. Bailey, in his introduction, has this to say on the location of the stones:

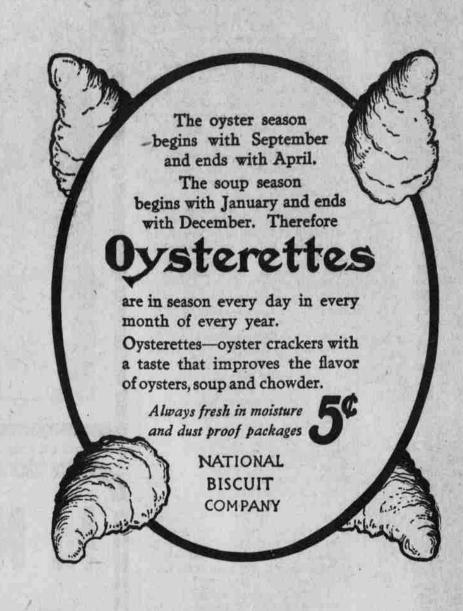
"The readers will be interested in Mrs. Johnson's story of the locating, nearly 50 years after the event, of the spot where her daughter was born. The stones, a cut of which is reproduced in this volume, stand in the town of Reading, Vt., but the daughter was born half a mile up the brook in the town of Cavendish. The history of the town of Charlestown, N. H., says in substance that Mrs. Johnson negotiated for these stones, prepared the inscriptions and directed that the smaller stone should be placed upon the spot where her child was born, while the larger should mark the place where the Indians encamped; but regardless of her instructions the stones were placed together on the main road leading from Weathersfield to Readingand here they have stood for a century. Of the Indian raids in general and of Mrs. Johnson's story in particular, the

introduction says:
"These stories of Indian raids are historical gems, especially when the persons taken captive were moved to chronicle their experiences in enduring type. These writers were not in the commercial list, but for the most part seem to have been actuated by a spirit of gratitude to Almighty God for remarkable deliverances, their narratives being characterized throughout by good

old Puritanic piety.
"The Johnson narrative is no exception to the general rule, and has but little in its subject matter that does not bear directly and concisely upon the beginnings and makings of our New England homes. Written by a mother, who gave birth to a promising daughter under such peculiar and trying circum-stances, it is not strange that great emphasis should be given this event."

Another very remarkable feature of this captivity is that every captive escaped death and in due time returned to their former homes and grew and flourished and became the heads of families and had much to do in the making of the Connecticut valley. Mrs. Johnson's home was ever after her return from captivity at or near Charlestown, except for a while that she lived in Concord, Vt. One of Mrs. Johnson's daughters, Polly, became the wife of Col. Timo-thy Bedel of Haverhill, N. H., a leader and pioneer in the Coos country. Another very interesting fact exploited in Mr. Bailey's introduction about the little waif born in the Cavendish woods

is contained in the following paragraph:
"Elizabeth Captive Johnson, the third
white person born in Vermont, lived to year.



womanhood, and became the wife of Col. George Kimball. One of her daughters married Jason Wetherby, and her daughter married Oel Billings, the father of the late Frederick Billings of Woodstock, and one of the most distinguished sons of the Green Mountain state."

The bibliography of this precious little book is no less remarkable than the events recorded. The history of Charleshas had many editions, but this 1814 edition is the most comphrehensive of town (No. 4) says the first edition of the entire list, having valuable foot notes this narrative was written by John C. Chamberlin of that town and printed at Walpole, N. H., in 1796. The subsequent two editions were by Mrs. Johnson herself; Windsor, 1807, printed by Alden Spooner, 1814 Windsor, printed by Thomas Pomeroy, 178 pages. This is the edition reproduced by Huntting & Co., and contains foot notes and valuable appendices. The fourth edition was published at Lowell, Mass., 1834; fifth, New York, 1841; sixth, Concord, 1831; seventh, being an historical address by Rev. B. Larabee, D. D., LL. D., late president of Middlebury college, delivered at Charlestown in 1870.

There were also two editions published

The Huntting company proposes later on to take up the Deerfield, Mass., raid with the captivity of the Williams family and the burning of Royalton, Vt., with the Zodock Steele captivity.

Easy to Mix This.

What will appear very interesting to many people here is the article taken from a New York daily paper, giving a simple prescription, as formulated by a noted authority, who claims that he has found a positive remedy to cure almost any case of backache or kidney or bladder derangement, in the following simple prescription, if taken before the stage of Bright's disease:

Fluid Extract of Dandelion, one-half ounce; Compound Kargon, one ounce; Compound Syrup Sarsaparilla, three ounces. Shake well in a bottle and take in teaspoonful doses after each meal and again at bedtime.

A well-known druggist here at home, when asked regarding this prescription, stated that the ingredients are all harm-less, and can be obtained at a small cost from any good prescription phar-macy, or the mixture would be put up if asked to do so. He further stated that while this prescription is often prescribed in rheumatic afflictions with splendid results, he could see no reason why it would not be a splendid remedy for kidney and urinary troubles and backache, as it has a peculiar action upon the kidney structure, cleansing these most important organs and helping them to sift and filter from the blood the foul acids and waste matter which cause sickness and suffering. Those of our readers who suffer can make no mistake in giving it a trial.

Remarkable Increase in Savings Bank Deposits.

The Island Pond Herald, in commenting on the remarkable growth of deposits in the Hyde Park Savings Bank, brings out several good reasons for this growth.

A special feature of this institution is that it gives local patrons the preference, its loans are in Vermont. Thus it has not only advanced public interest, but has done a safe and prosperous business since its institution, eighteen years ago. The assets only last week passed the million-dollar mark and, we repeat, not a single cent of it invested out of Vermont. In addition to this it has never lost a dollar by a poor note. The progressive increase of deposits year after year has been remarkable. This condition of things must be satisfactory in the extreme to the energetic president, who is recognized as a synonym of honest square dealing, who possesses the practi-cal qualities essential to success in all his undertakings, and withal is a liberalminded citizen, ever interested in village, town and state improvement. We write from knowledge and personal observa-

This Bank pays 4 per cent. compound ed semi-annually on deposits of \$100 or more, remaining in the bank one full

The Towns Around.

CABOT.

Lawrence Farrington has returned to Montpelier.

Matthew Batchelder attended the fair at Hardwick last week. Mrs. E. D. Waldo has been visiting her

mother at Lyndon. M. Batchelder has been at Hardwick to visit his sister, Mrs. Sarah Farr.

The jurors returned to their duties Master Lester Ford acted as R. F. D. carrier at the post card social held at George Hoyt's Friday evening.

S. Myers recently visited in Montpelier

Earle Rogers has gone to Dartmouth Dr. L. W. Burbank was in Montpelier

last week to attend court. Carl Osgood and family have been visiting his mother.

J. A. Woodward has returned from

Mrs. Jennie Pike visited Mrs. Mary Atkins last week.

The North American Medicine Co. are giving entertainments at the Town Hall. J. B. Knight is gaining slowly.

Misses Alice Harvey and Judith Haines were at home from Montpelier Seminary over Sunday.

The district meeting of the Good Templars was held at their hall Saturday. Miss Lila Houghton of East Cabot is

at work at George Houghton's. Miss Luna Morehouse of Cambridge, Mass., is visiting her sister, Mrs. Edwin

Mrs. Witham is visiting at Ralph Witham's at Plainfield

William Lance is having a dormer window put in his house. Matthew Batchelder is engaged to do the work. Apples are scarce and people are not

having enough for their own use. Butter is 32 cents per pound; eggs 28 cents per dozen.

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EAST CABOT.

Miss Grace Blake spent Sunday with friends in Marshfield

Will and John Dunn go this week to Grey, Iowa, for an extended visit. Mrs. William Carr went Friday to

Wolcott to visit her granddaughter, Mrs. Robert Mills and family. Silas Unwin of Marshfield was here the last of the week buying stock.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Barr were at Plainfield, Thursday, at the home of Curtis Mrs. Charles Adams is on the sick list.

Misses Florence Houghton and Charlotte Hall spent Saturday at Aaron Bolton's on Cabot Plains.

Neal Dodge has finished work for R. S.

Harry Young spent Sunday at his home in Peacham The auction at George W. Dow's

Thursday, was a complete success. Everything sold high. Auctioneer Cook is the right man in the right place when selling goods at auction.

WEST DANVILLE.

D. C. Farrington and son George are at West Rumney, N. H., in the store they rented and bought the stock of goods. He has sold his land on the south side of the road with his cottage, barn and ice house, also his two tenement house east of the store to Fred Elliott of West Rumney

Mr. and Mrs. G. V. Frasier have returned home from their trip to New York and Boston, where they purchased a large stock of goods.

Several from here went on the White Mountain excursion Wednesday.

Asa Mack is moving onto his farm bought of George Dow, and F. D. Per-kins has rented his house here and will

Warren Farrington had the misfortune to fall from a fence several days ago and sprain his elbow quite badly, so he could not attend school until this week Mon-

WEST BURKE.

Mrs. Eliza Dolloff Fassett and her daughter, Mrs. Ida Lumpkin, started on their return trip Monday to their home in Texas. It has been nearly 50 years since Mrs. Fassett was here, only once since she married Moses Fuller of Charleston and went to Texas 54 years ago. They have been here about two months. Their relative, Frank Wood-ruff, returned with them to spend the

Miss Dearborn was in Boston last week to purchase her millinery stock. Mrs. Winter also went to Boston last week for her supply of millinery. Mr. Winter went with her.

Mrs. Jeanette Hickie and son, Wendell, were here several days last week. Mrs. Hickie will go to her son's in Hartford, Conn., for a short visit and Mr. Hickie will meet her there, and they will go to Florida for the winter.

Eldo Gaskell has been here the past week putting new sills under his store now occupied by N. S. and H. C. Colby Mrs. Ruth Steele visited at Dr. Johnson's in Concord last week. She will return to her home in Canada next week.

Mr. Heath will go to Maine this week in the interest of the company by whom he has been employed for several years. Mrs. Fannie Sargent has been in

Lyndonville the past two weeks. Clarence Smith has sold his village lot to Ernest Warren.

A reception was given to Dr. and Mrs. Suitor last week Tuesday evening. The doctor and his bride came to his home Monday evening. All give Mrs. Suitor a cordial welcome. Dr. Suitor's sister, who is out of health, will go to North Carolina for the winter. Dr. Burke's mother, who has been in

Ohio for two months, returned this week.

Frank Burns is home from his vaca tion, and is again in the station. The Ladies' Aid society will have a boiled dinner in the vestry Oct. 10.

WHEELOCK.

Mrs. Sarah King and Mrs. Abbie Bru-nelle of Glover visited at Mrs. Milligan's

T. Patterson visited friends and rela-tives at South Walden last week. Mr. Hebblethwait of Boston spent a

few days at the Caledonia Spring house

George Bean was very sick last Sunday but is better. Stock sold very well at H. J. Matthew son's auction, Thursday.

Mrs. C. H. Matthewson is in very poor health. They intend to move to Lyndon this week.

Remember the auction of Chas. S. Smith's farm, livestock and household furniture at Danville Saturday at 9 a. m. A Badly Burned Girl

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Mrs. David Young from East Lyndon visited at C. C. Walter's the last of the week and attended the reunion of the old

pupils of Frank Grant held at the south choolhouse Saturday. Mrs. Jane Mitchem is visiting friends at

The many friends of Miss Alice Davis are glad to know she is slowly recovering from her recent serious illness. There was a good attendance at C. H.

Nickerson's auction and the stock wen very well. W. P. Russell, C. C. Walter's and Alli son Currier are among the attendants at the State Fair this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Phil S. Clark and daughter Rowena went Saturday to Dexter, N. Y., for a month's vacation, which they will spend hunting and fishing.

At the 'Ville.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Martin who have just gone to housekeeping in Dr. Brown's house on Church street, were given a tin shower Friday evening by a jolly party of their young friends, who left substantial tokens of their visit.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Parker returned Friday from a two weeks' trip, during which they visited the Jamestown Exposition, Washington and New York and other places of interest. They enjoyed a very delightful trip, going with the party which included Governor Proctor, and a number of other state

Mrs. Diantha Mathewson fell Thurs day evening and broke her hip. At her advanced age serious results are feared. Mrs. Prescott is caring for her.

Among the ladies from here attending the annual meeting of the State Federa-tion of Women's Clubs at Windsor are Mrs. A. L. Finney, Mrs. W. I. Powers, Mrs. John B. Chase, and Mrs. E. J.

For Village Improvement.

The Bazar of the Nations, to be held next week, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, in Music Hall, for the benefit of the Village Improvement society, promises to be one of the most unique and successful entertainments, ever given for that popular object. There are to be ten different booths, each representing a different nation, a rummage sale will be held in connection, and each evening promises an interesting entertainment. The different booths, with the chairmen in charge, are as follows: Italy, art, Mrs. H. W. Lyster; Gipsy, mystery booth, Miss Elizabeth Hutchinson; Japan, tea and Japanese curios, Miss Grace Finney; Irish booth, vegetables and fruits, Mrs. B. F. Brown; American booth, food, Mrs. Elisha Bigelow; Switzerland, candy, Miss Katherine Vail; Holland, cake, cheese, cocoa and crackers, Mrs. G. M. Campbell; France, ice cream and cake, Mrs. John Ahern; Spain, salads, lemonade and other drinks, Remembrance booth, Mrs. E. J. Blodgett; rummage sale, Mrs. A. D. Paige. There will be Village Improvement badges on sale, fortune telling, and a fish pond, besides many other attractions. Wednesday and Thursday evenings there will tableaux and other attractions on the stage, and Friday evening Mrs. Brock will furnish music for a social dance. Supper will be served in the hall each night.

Mrs. Frank Willey and her sister, Mrs. Pease, have gone to market, and will return with an attractive line of winter

J. T. Gleason has taken possession of Webb's Hotel, and at present it is being run under the charge of Levi Edgerton, who has been clerk there for so long. A daughter was born Sept. 19 to Mr and Mrs. Charles Fisher, and a daughter Sept. 18 to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Car-

ter of Cochituate, Mass., who are for-

mer residents here. Miss Myra Conner

is working for Mrs. Carter. Miss Evylyn Cheney has gone to Auburndale, Mass., to attend Lasell

Seminary. Arthur Crawford is to move his family here from Barre, and will continue in the photograph business. They have rented the store vacated by R. Dorion, and will live back of the store, while his brother is to go into the shoe making

Mrs. Eugene Carpenter, who is now living in North Dakota with her daugh-ter, Lilla, has been visiting in town for a few weeks.

The October meeting of the Lyndon Civic Federation will be held in Darling's hall, Thursday evening, Oct. 24, and a very interesting program has been arranged. It is hoped there will be a good

George Tarbell has begun work as the new clerk in the post office.

Albert Riley has entered the Freshman class at the University of Vermont at

A. J. Burbee of West Burke has opened a shoe repairing shop in the place occupied by Henry Bedard.

The Food for Poultry in Winter Much time and money have been spent

in what seems an almost vain endeavor -to make hens produce eggs in cold weather. It requires but little experience with poultry to learn the fact that, under ordinary circumstances, hens cannot produce as many eggs in winter as in summer. Summer is the natural time for the laying of eggs, and in order to increase winter production there must be reproduced for the fowls as nearly as possible conditions that exist in summer. Walter E. Crawford of North Vassalboro, Me., has apparently tried to do this, so far as feeding his fowls is concerned. Here is a letter from him: "'Page's Perfected Poultry Food,' is better than you claimed it was, and I would not try to keep hens another winter without it.

Any one sending his address on a postal card to C.S. Page, Hyde Park, Vt., and mentioning this paper, will receive by mail, free, postpaid, a sample package of "Page's Perfected Poultry

Supreme Court Cases. Only three Caledonia county cases are

set for trial at the October term of the supreme court which convenes at Montpelier next month. The cases are Emily Bocash vs. the town of Hardwick; W. L. Dow et al. vs. Sarah J. Bridgman; E. S. Wade vs. C. M. Bruce admr. of the estate of Harry Wade, et als. In the Bocash case the plaintiff sued to recover for an accident on the highway and an appeal was taken from the verdict for the defendant in the lower court. The next case is also a Hardwick case in which trespass was charged and is appealed by the plaintiff. The last case is a Newark case in which ejectment is charged.

Dartmouth College opened Sept. 26, with the largest attendance in years. Between 425 and 500 have satisfied entrance requirements but because of inability to provide rooms, but 375 will be admitted to the class of 1911.

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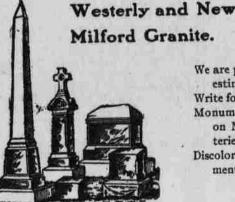
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